Dear Larry, 8/19/72

I'm sure you noticed perhaps a bit of contempt for the posturings of the CTIA and Bud, who is personally a nice guy when you were here. Because you have been helpful when I asked for help and did take time I owe it to you to let you know the soore. This is merely the last of a series of indignant memos and analyses I've had to do on the Ray habeas corpus petition. The clips you got for me? Hell, that hasn't been gotten to yet! I have really had to spend more time being the lawyer on this fucking mess than it would have taken to write a book, and at a very bad time in my affairs. I think the thing of which I make the larger point will be informative enough, with what you know about the case, and will illiminate the permeating sterility and incompetence that is even less excusable because I did deliver a package, a close to complete case and then went out and without pay gathered more than can possibly be used for affidavits in support. It took more than two months after my return before we even got into that! This is for your information only and not for boradcast. But it really characterizes the entire thing, and rather than feeling pride at being able to do it, I feel disgust, it is that sinple, and dismay that it has kept me from productive things I could do. The worst is that I've got a tiger by the tail. If I let go, he'll surely fuck up again, endlessly.

When you read this, please return it for the file I've indicated. I may at some point have to address all of this and an enormity like it, the biggest single liability aside from the power of the government that we've faced since 11/22/63. This is but one and in context a fairly minor illustration. Whether or not I do, I also feel that I owe it to history to start leaving a record of this kind in a single file. I won t go back over the past for that, but I will, as in this case, make an extra carbon for it.

Having seen nothing about a strike in the papers, I presume you are still negotiating. Hope you can make it without a strike. Good luck.